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## USDA Designates Louisiana Parishes as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these parishes suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

### **Impacted Area: LOUISIANA**

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (fast track)

**Application Deadline** April 15, 2024

**Primary Parishes Eligible:** Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion are primary.

**Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:** Allen, Assumption, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Pointe Coupee, Sabine, St. Landry, Terrebonne, and Vernon parishes

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought (fast track)

**Application Deadline:** April 22, 2024

**Primary Parishes Eligible:** Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Sabine, St. Landry, and Vernon

**Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:**

**State:** Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, DeSoto, Evangeline, Iberville, Lafayette, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Martin, and Vermilion

**Triggering Disaster 3:** Drought (fast track)

**Application Deadline:** April 29, 2024

**Primary Parishes Eligible:** Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Grant, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, LaSalle, Livingston, Natchitoches, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Terrebonne, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana

**Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:**

**State:** Acadia, Beauregard, Bienville, Caldwell, Concordia, DeSoto, East Feliciana, Franklin, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Red River, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Vernon, West Feliciana and Winn

**Triggering Disaster 4:** Drought (fast track)

**Application Deadline:** May 6, 2024

**Primary Parishes Eligible:** Caldwell, DeSoto, Franklin, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Washington, and Winn

**Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:**

**State:** Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Sabine, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, Union, and West Carroll

**Triggering Disaster 5:** Drought (fast track)

**Application Deadline:** May 6, 2024

**Primary Parishes Eligible:** Caldwell, DeSoto, Franklin, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Washington, and Winn

**Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:**

**State:** Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Union, Washington, and West Carroll

**Triggering Disaster 6:** Drought (fast track)

**Application Deadline:** May 13, 2024

**Primary Parishes Eligible:** Caddo and Jackson

**Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:**

**State:** Bienville, Bossier, Caldwell, DeSoto, Lincoln, Ouachita, Red River, and Winn

### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

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